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SUBJECT: MASS ARRESTS TO CURB LABOR STRIFE AT
ISTANBUL FACTORY

REF: ISTANBUL 3858

1. CHIEF OF FIRST SECTION (POLITICAL) OF ISTANBUL POLICE INFORMED
CONGEN THAT POLICE UNITS REINFORCED BY GENDARME MILITARY FORCES
ENTERED PROFILO APPLIANCE FACTORY MORNING SEPTEMBER 30 AND
FORCEFULLY EJECTED WORKERS WHO HAD OCCUPIED PLANT BUILDING. HE
STATED THAT SOME 400 WORKERS HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND
OTHER WORKERS WERE DISPERSED FROM AREA. HE DID NOT INDICATE
THAT THERE WERE ANY DEATHS DURING THIS OPERATION, BUT STORY
AROUND ISTANBUL IS THAT THERE WERE THREE PERSONS KILLED. WORKERS
AT PROFILO WHO ARE MADEN IS UNION MEMBERS, A MAJOR AFFILIATE
OF DISK LABOR CONFEDERATION, SEIZED PLANT AFTER CONFRONTATION
WITH POLICE SEPTEMBER 29 (SEE REFTTEL) AND OWNER PROBABLY
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REQUESTED AUTHORITIES TO TAKE SERIOUS ACTION.

2. FIRST SECTION CHIEF ADVISED CONGEN EMPLOYEE THAT AREA SURROUNDING PROFILO FACTORY MAY BE DANGEROUS AND ALSO STATED THAT THERE WILL BE MARCH BY WORKERS ON OCTOBER 1 (APPARENTLY TO PROTEST INCIDENT AT PROFILO). MARCH WILL FOLLOW SAME ROUTE AS PROTEST STAGED BY DISK ON SEPTEMBER 18 (ISTANBUL 3740), AND FURTHER PROTEST MARCHES ARE PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 2 AND 3.

3. DIRECTOR OF ANATOLIA NEWS AGENCY HAD SAME STORY REGARDING ACTION AT PROFILO WITH MINOR VARIATIONS FROM THAT PROVIDED BY FIRST SECTION. HIS FIGURE FOR NUMBER OF ARRESTS WAS IN 500-600 RANGE, BUT HE LIKEWISE KNEW OF NO FATALITIES DURING INCIDENT.
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